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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT: FINANCING OF STOCKS

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH USINT OFFICER (GLASSMAN), NOVEMBER 14, ALBERTO DETANCOURT ROA, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, RAISED QUESTION OF US POSITION ON ISSUING LOCATION OF STOCK-FINANCING CERTIFICATES REQUIRED UNDER ISA. BETANCOURT SAID THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT US PREVIOUSLY HAD SUPPORTED IDEA THAT CERTIFICATES WOULD BE ISSUED IN EXPORTING COUNTRIES, WITH EXCEPTION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED FOR IMPORTS FROM NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES. NOW, HE SAID IT APPEARS THAT US HAS SHIFTED ITS POSITION AND HAS TAKEN CANADIAN LINE THAT CERTIFICATES SHOULD ALL BE ISSUED BY IMPORTING NATIONS. CUBA OPPOSES THIS CONCEPT SINCE IT IMPLIES, BETANCOURT SAID, THAT EXPORTERS MUST PAY FOR CERTIFICATES. APPARENT NEW US POSITION, BETANCOURT ADDED, CONTRADICTS SPIRIT OF EARLIER US PROPOSALS AND "ASSURANCES" TO CUBANS PROVIDED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE OUTLINE CURRENT US THINKING ON CERTIFICATE QUESTION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RESPONSE TO BETANCOURT.

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